

Actor enters no plea in theater sex case

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A 22-year-old actor from the Minneapolis Children's Theatre & School declined to enter a plea Tuesday on charges that he had sexual intercourse last year with a 15-year-old female student at the school.

Shaun McNellis of St. Paul was arraigned before Hennepin District Judge Eugene Minenko on one count of

third-degree criminal sexual conduct. Minenko set a hearing for July 2 to determine if there was probable cause for McNellis' arrest.

"If probable cause is found, I anticipate we will be entering a not guilty plea and asking for a jury trial," said Scott Holdahl, McNellis' court-appointed attorney.

McNellis was arrested at his home

May 25 and held in the Hennepin County Jail until posting \$3,000 bail May 29.

Also arrested May 25 was William Harren, 28, of Minneapolis, a dance instructor accused of having anal and oral sex with a 15-year-old male student.

The two men were arrested after the alleged victims volunteered information to investigators working on a case against the theater's artistic director, John Clark Donahue, who was charged in April for allegedly having sex with three male students.

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